

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF STOCKTON EAST WATER DISTRICT WAS HELD AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE  
6767 EAST MAIN STREET, STOCKTON, CA  
ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2022 AT 12:30 P.M.

**A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL**

President Watkins called the regular meeting to order at 12:30 p.m., and President Watkins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present at roll call at the District were Directors Atkins, Cortopassi, McGurk, Sanguinetti and Watkins. Also present were Manager Hopkins, Assistant Manager Vega, District Engineer Evensen, Administrative Services Manager Carido, Accountant Ram, Administrative Clerk Feliciano, Legal Counsel Zolezzi and Consultant Barkett. Present at roll call via teleconference was Director Panizza. Director McGaughey joined the meeting via teleconference at 12:34 p.m.

**B. CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. President Watkins requested the Board to make an emergency addition to the agenda. Manager Hopkins reported a Statement of Consistency Pursuant to Execute Order N-7-22 and Findings of Fact Stockton East Water District Groundwater Sustainability Agency Statement of Consistency Pursuant to Executive Order N-7-22 – Well Permit Application for 11173 N. Clements Road, Linden, CA was received after the agenda process was complete.

A motion was moved and seconded to add an item to the September 27, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Agenda as Agenda Item No. D-5, Statement of Consistency Pursuant to Execute Order N-7-22 and Findings of Fact Stockton East Water District Groundwater Sustainability Agency Statement of Consistency Pursuant to Executive Order N-7-22 – Well Permit Application for 11173 N. Clements Road, Linden, CA (Emergency Item)

Roll Call:

Ayes: Atkins, Cortopassi, McGurk, Panizza, Sanguinetti, Watkins  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: McGaughey

**A. PUBLIC COMMENT (None)**

**B. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Minutes 09/20/22 Regular Meeting

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the September 20, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, as presented.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Atkins, Cortopassi, McGurk, Panizza, Sanguinetti, Watkins  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: McGaughey

2. Warrants
  - a. Fund 56 – Construction Fund
  - b. Fund 70 – Administration Fund
  - c. Fund 71 – Water Supply Fund

- d. Fund 89 – Fish Passage Improvements Fund
- e. Fund 91 – Vehicle Fund
- f. Fund 94 – Municipal & Industrial Fund
- g. Summary
- h. Short Names/Acronym List
- i. SEWD Vehicles & Heavy Equipment

Director McGurk inquired on the expense on page 18, line item 91 for Stockton Scavengers/Waste Management Corp. for a 20 yard dumpster and dump fees in the amount of \$2,981.25 and questioned how many loads were disposed. Manager Hopkins replied one load of waste was disposed.

Director Atkins inquired on the expense on page 12, line item 33 for Wisconsin Lighting Lab, Inc. for 30’ poles for control panels, solar panel, and control cabinet for SCADA in the amount of \$8,210.56. Manager Hopkins replied the total cost includes two sets of the listed items.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the September 27, 2022 Warrants, as presented.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Atkins, Cortopassi, McGurk, Panizza, Sanguinetti, Watkins  
 Nays: None  
 Abstain: None  
 Absent: McGaughey

3. Preliminary Base Monthly Payment – Fiscal Year 2023/2024

a. Public Hearing

President Watkins opened the Public Hearing at 12:34 p.m., to receive comments on the Preliminary Base Monthly Payment (BMP) for Fiscal Year 2023/2024.

Manager Hopkins provided proof of publication of the public hearing. Manager Hopkins reported this process is dictated by the Second Amended Contract. Manager Hopkins reported the Preliminary Base Monthly Payment to be paid by the Contractors pursuant to the Second Amended Contract for the period of April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024 is \$1,905,874.72.

Seeing no public comment, President Watkins closed the Public Hearing at 12:36 p.m.

b. Resolution No. 22-23-12 – Setting the Preliminary Base Monthly Payment for Period April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024

A motion was moved and seconded to adopt Resolution No. 22-23-12 – Setting the Preliminary Base Monthly Payment for Fiscal Year 2023/2024, as presented.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Atkins, Cortopassi, McGaughey, McGurk, Panizza, Sanguinetti, Watkins  
 Nays: None  
 Abstain: None  
 Absent: None

4. Stockton East Water District – Old Calaveras River Head Works Slide Gate Replacements Memo, 09/27/22

Manager Hopkins provided the Board with a memo regarding the Old Calaveras River Head Works Slide Gate Replacements. Manager Hopkins reported two slide gates are used to control the flow of water into the Old Calaveras River and the other two slide gates are unused and inoperable. Manager Hopkins reported the two gates that are used during water season have corroded frames, leaks in the

seated position and are at the end of their useful life. Manager Hopkins reported District Staff received three vendor quotes to replace only the two slide gates that are currently used; Rodney Hunt provided the most cost and time effective quote for two slide gates with electric actuators. Manager Hopkins recommended the Board approve the purchase of two of Rodney Hunt OCR HW slide gates and electric actuators in the amount of \$61,418, plus a 10% contingency for a total approved purchase amount of \$67,560.

President Watkins inquired if all four gates should be replaced. Manager Hopkins replied District Staff only budgeted for the replacement of two slide gates but the other two could be budgeted for another year.

Director McGurk inquired if the slide gates would be used as part of the Bellota Fish Screen Project. Manager Hopkins replied no, the design does not include the Old Calaveras River Head Works location for fish passage.

Director Atkins inquired if the two gates can operate the max flow amount of 300 cfs. Manager Hopkins replied yes.

President Watkins inquired if the slide gates will be replaced before irrigation season begins next year. Manager Hopkins replied yes.

A motion was moved and seconded to authorize purchase of Rodney Hunt OCR HW slide gates and electric actuators in the amount of \$61,418, plus a 10% contingency for a total approved purchase amount of \$67,560, as presented.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Atkins, Cortopassi, McGaughey, McGurk, Panizza, Sanguinetti, Watkins  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

5. Statement of Consistency Pursuant to Execute Order N-7-22 and Findings of Fact Stockton East Water District Groundwater Sustainability Agency Statement of Consistency Pursuant to Executive Order N-7-22 – Well Permit Application for 11173 N. Clements Road, Linden, CA  
Manager Hopkins provided the Board with the Statement of Consistency Pursuant to Execute Order N-7-22 and Findings of Fact Stockton East Water District Groundwater Sustainability Agency Statement of Consistency Pursuant to Executive Order N-7-22 – Well Permit Application for 11173 N. Clements Road, Linden, CA. Manager Hopkins reported he received a new well application from San Joaquin County for a property located on N. Clements Road and the District's northern boundary. Manager Hopkins added the County requires a Statement of Consistency stating the new well aligns with our groundwater sustainability plan.

President Watkins reported the new well is being used for domestic and irrigation with well specifications of 360 feet deep and servicing 20 acres.

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the Statement of Consistency Pursuant to Execute Order N-7-22 and Findings of Fact Stockton East Water District Groundwater Sustainability Agency Statement of Consistency Pursuant to Executive Order N-7-22 – Well Permit Application for 11173 N. Clements Road, Linden, CA, as presented.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Atkins, Cortopassi, McGaughey, McGurk, Panizza, Sanguinetti, Watkins  
Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

## **E. COMMITTEE REPORTS (None)**

## **F. REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER**

### **1. Water Supply Report as of 09/26/22**

Manager Hopkins provided a handout of the Water Supply Report for information only that included storage, release, and production data collected from various sources as of midnight last night.

There is 57,680 AF in storage at New Hogan Reservoir. Current releases are set at 220 cfs. Current release at Goodwin Dam to Stanislaus River are set at 155 cfs and release to all water users are set at 0 cfs. There are 14 irrigators on New Hogan, 0 irrigators on New Melones, and 0 irrigators out of District. The water treatment plant is currently processing 30 mgd. The City of Stockton is currently processing 23 mgd. Manager Hopkins reported the District wells total water extraction is 3,727 gpm (~5.4 mgd).

Manager Hopkins reported in preparation for the Bellota Weir removal, we are working with the Urban Contractors to lessen the demand from the Treatment Plant to fill our ponds as we will have to only use storage for a few days as the Bellota Weir is replaced next week. Manager Hopkins reported Extraction Well #1 has been turned off until the process is complete.

### **2. Information Items:**

Manager Hopkins noted item: F2a-1, F2a-2, F2a-3 and F2a-4.

### **3. Report on General Manager Activities**

#### **a. San Joaquin County Office of Emergency Services – Agricultural Drought Task Force Meeting, 09/21/22**

Assistant Manager Vega attended the September 21, 2022 San Joaquin County Office of Emergency Services – Agricultural Drought Task Force Meeting. Assistant Manager Vega reported discussion regarding long-term forecast with 91% chance of La Nina through December 2022 and a 54% chance from January 2023 to March 2023. Assistant Manager Vega stated the reports are projections. Director McGurk inquired when there will be an update on the projections. Assistant Manager Vega replied the Agricultural Drought Task Force meets monthly and another update will likely be given then. The next meeting is scheduled for October 19, 2022.

#### **b. Stockton East Water District Activities Update**

Manager Hopkins reported he attended the September 21, 2022 Stanislaus Watershed Team Meeting. Manager Hopkins reported discussion regarding pulse flows for the San Joaquin River between October 11, 2022 and November 1, 2022. Manager Hopkins inquired with Legal Counsel Zolezzi why the Stanislaus River provides three pulse flows, the Tuolumne River provides two pulse flows and the Merced River provides one pulse flow. Legal Counsel Zolezzi replied the Stanislaus River is regulated by the State Board and has historically provided the most pulse flows. This item was for information only.

Manager Hopkins reported District Staff attended Fire Extinguisher Training on Friday, September 23, 2022. This item was for information only.

Manager Hopkins reported Assistant General Manager interviews were conducted with four applicants interviewed. A unanimous decision was made naming Juan Vega as the new Assistant General Manager. The Board congratulated Assistant Manager Vega on his appointment to

Assistant General Manager. Assistant Manager Vega stated he is very excited for the opportunity. This item was for information only.

**G. DIRECTOR REPORTS**

1. Stockton East Water District – Recharge Projects Follow-up Discussion, 09/22/22  
President Watkins and Manager Hopkins attended the September 22, 2022 Stockton East Water District – Recharge Projects Follow-up Discussion. President Watkins reported there is no update at this time.

**H. COMMUNICATIONS (None)**

**I. AGENDA PLANNING/UPCOMING EVENTS**

1. San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation – Water Committee Meeting, 5:00 p.m., 09/27/22
2. Potential Recharge Projects Meeting with Growers, 11:00 a.m., 09/28/22

**J. REPORT OF THE COUNSEL**


1. Closed Session: REAL PROPERTY – GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9 – Property: Water Rights  
Agency Negotiator: Justin M. Hopkins  
Negotiating Parties: Oakdale Irrigation District/South San Joaquin Irrigation District  
Under Negotiation: Water Transfer
2. Closed Session - Potential Litigation  
Government Code 54956.9 (c) – one case
3. Closed Session – Personnel  
Government Code 54957

President Watkins adjourned the meeting to closed session at 12:52 p.m. to discuss closed session agenda items. The regular meeting reconvened at 1:12 p.m., with the no reportable action.

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

President Watkins adjourned the meeting at 1:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Justin M. Hopkins  
Secretary of the Board

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